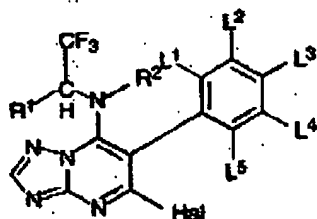


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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A compound of formula I



in which

R¹ represents a hydrogen or a methyl group;

R² represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted C₁-C₁₀-alkyl, C₂-C₁₀-alkenyl, C₂-C₁₀-alkynyl, C₄-C₁₀-alkadienyl or phenyl group, wherein the optional substituents are selected from the group consisting of nitro, cyano, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkenyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₃-C₆-halocycloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, tri-C₁-C₄-alkylsilyl, phenyl, halophenyl, dihalophenyl and pyridyl;

Hal represents a halogen atom; and

L¹ through L⁵ each represent a hydrogen or halogen atom or an C₁-C₁₀-alkoxy or nitro group, provided that at least one of L¹ through L⁵ represents a nitro or alkoxy group.

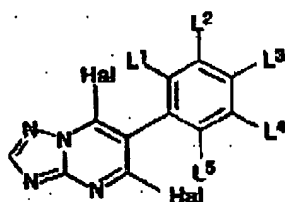
2. (original) A compound according to claim 1 in which at least one of L¹ and L⁵ represents a halogen atom.
3. (original) A compound according to claim 1 in which R² represents a hydrogen or a C₁₋₁₀ alkyl group.
4. (original) A compound according to claim 1 in which at least one of R¹ and R² represents a hydrogen atom.
5. (previously presented) The compound of formula I defined in claim 1 which is selected from the group consisting of
5-chloro-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-7-(2,2,2-trifluoroethylamino)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine;

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5-chloro-6-(4-nitrophenyl)-7-(2,2,2-trifluoroethylamino)-[1,2,4]-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine; and

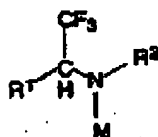
5-chloro-6-(2,6-difluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)-7-[2-(1,1,1-trifluoro)-propylamino]-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine.

6. *(previously presented)* A process for the preparation of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 1, which process comprises:
- treating a compound of formula II



(II)

with an amine of formula III



(III)

in which M represents a hydrogen atom or a metal atom,
to produce the compound of formula I.

7. *(previously presented)* A fungicidal composition which comprises a carrier, and as active agent, at least one compound of formula I as defined in claim 1.
8. *(previously presented)* A method of combating fungus at a locus which comprises treating the locus with a fungicidally effective amount of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 1.
9. *(currently amended)* The process of claim 6 wherein the metal atom represented by M is selected from the group consisting of Li, Na, K, Zn and Cu.